

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION

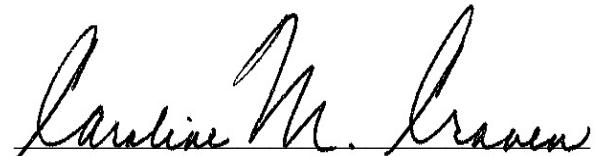
CRAIG MENDENHALL §  
v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:07cv44  
WARDEN JOSEPH WILSON, ET AL. §

ORDER

The Plaintiff Craig Mendenhall has filed a motion to asking for leave to file carbon copies of his motions, rather than originals, in Court. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that documents filed in court bear an original signature. *See Rule 11, Fed. R. Civ. P.* Rule 10 of the Local Rules of Court for the Eastern District of Texas requires, *inter alia*, that pleadings filed on paper be plainly written, typed, or printed. It is not clear that Mendenhall's proposed carbon copies will meet these requirements. It is accordingly

ORDERED that the Plaintiff's motion for leave to file carbon copies, filed October 29, 2008 (docket no. 47) is DENIED. Mendenhall is cautioned to ensure that his pleadings comply with Rule 10 of the Local Rules and Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**SIGNED this 17th day of December, 2008.**



CAROLINE M. CRAVEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE